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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger /s/ by General Haig

TO: Ambassador Bunker

REFERENCE: Saigon 071

Thank you for your prompt reply to my WHS 0023. In this regard you will be receiving through State channels a consultation instruction which will include withdrawal figures distinctly different from those I have provided you through this channel. You should be aware that these figures are not consistent with the President's actual thinking on this subject and consequently you should not use them in your consultation with Thieu. The withdrawal figure provided you through this channel by me is still firm although it is unknown to anyone here with the exception of the President and myself.

You will also be receiving shortly a message through State channels requesting your comments on certain proposed actions with respect to Cambodia. It would be most helpful here if you would find it possible to respond to this inquiry in a positive vein.

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